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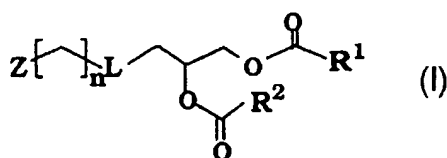
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(57) Abstract: A lipid represented by formula (I), wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is an alkyl or alkenyl chain having between about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms; n = 1-20; L is selected from the group consisting of (i) -X-(C=O)-Y-CH<sub>2</sub>-, (ii) -X-(C=O)-, and (iii) -X-CH<sub>2</sub>-, wherein X and Y are independently selected from oxygen, NH and a direct bond; and Z is a weakly basic moiety that has a pK of less than about 7.4 and greater than about 4.0 is described.

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Claims Nos.: 1-33 ( all partially )

Present claims 1, 19 and 30 ( and their dependent claims ) relate to a composition, respectively a general formula and a method for delivering and they all relate to a formula containing a substituent Z which is not defined in structural terms but is defined as " a weakly basic moiety that has a pK of less than about 7.4 and greater than about 4.0 ". The use of such a parameter in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the parameter the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently the search and the search report can only be considered complete for compounds of the general formula of claim 19 wherein Z is a substituent as in the figures 3A-3C of the present application.

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